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Date: March 22, 2001

In re application of: *Lévesque et al.*

Serial No. ~~09/448,491~~

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January 20, 2000

For:

**TRANSDIFFERENTIATION OF EPIDERMAL BASAL CELLS
INTO NEURAL PROGENITOR CELLS, NEURONAL CELLS
AND/OR GLIAL CELLS**

Examiner: Schmidt, Mary M.

Unit: 1635

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for
Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D. C. 20231, ON <u>March 22, 2001</u> DATE	
BY <u>[Signature]</u> ANN WEISS	<u>March 22, 2001</u> (DATE OF SIGNATURE)

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2000, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before March 2, 2001, along with a request for a one (1)-month extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendment and remarks.

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